

1157 Mill Street

1800

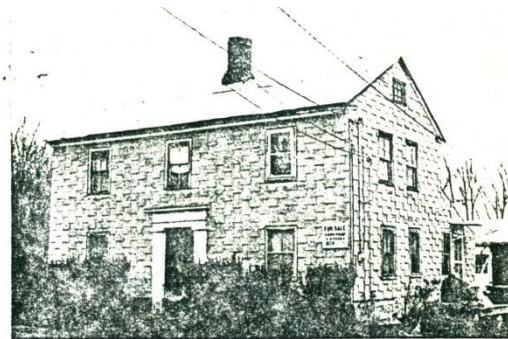
Joseph R. Wilcox

Torn down

1985 Townwide Historic and Architectural Survey of Berlin, Connecticut. Survey # 109

1800 Joseph R Wilcox current owner: Everett Farley & Albert Dauphin

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Joseph Wilcox married 1st Lena "Lina" and mar. 2nd Betsy. He and his wife, Lena, joined Berlin Congregational Church in 1795. Purchased property from James and Olive Booth in 1836. Built 1157 Mill ST., East Berlin circa 1800 - probably owned but not occupied by Josiah R. Wilcox. Owned gristmill, fulling mill, and manufactured brick. At time of death owned Middletown-Farmington Turnpike Co.. He was a deacon of the Congregational Church in Upper Houses (Cromwell). He died at age 78 years. Middletown Upper Houses; Charles Collard Adams - p.756 Berlin Land Recrds:16:434 (1834) Berlin Congregational Church Records - p.35

Deacon Joseph Russell Wilcox (1774-1852) son of Rev. Josiah Wilcox & Elizabeth Treat. He was a farmer, brickmaker, and gristmiller. He married Lena Foster (1774 -1847) He married second in 1849 to Betsy Haskill (1779-), widow of Capt. William Smith. They are buried in Kelsey Cemetery in Cromwell.

HISTORIC RESOURCES INVENTORY
BUILDING AND STRUCTURES
HIST-6 NEW 5/77

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FOR OFFICE USE ONLY	
Town No.:	Site No.:
UTM:	
QUAD:	
DISTRICT:	IF NR, SPECIFY
☐ S ☐ NR	☐ Actual ☐ Potential

IDENTIFICATION		DESCRIPTION	
1. BUILDING NAME (Common)		1. BUILDING NAME (Historic)	
Joseph R. Wilcox House		Joseph R. Wilcox House	
2. TOWN-CITY	VILLAGE	COUNTY	
Berlin	East Berlin	Hartford	
3. STREET AND NUMBER (and/or location)		17-4/147/3	
1157 Mill Street		90 Richard St.	
4. OWNER(S)		Farley, Everett & Dauphin, Albert M. Newington 06111 ☐ Public ☐ Private	
5. USE (Present)		5. USE (Historic)	
Residence		Residence	
6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:		6. ACCESSIBILITY TO PUBLIC:	
☒ Yes ☐ No		☐ Yes ☒ No	
7. STYLE OF BUILDING		DATE OF CONSTRUCTION	
Vernacular/ Greek Revival doorway		c. 1800	
8. MATERIAL(S) (Indicate use or location when appropriate)			
☐ Clapboard ☐ Asbestos Siding ☐ Brick ☐ Other (Specify) _____ ☐ Wood Shingle ☒ Asphalt Siding ☐ Fieldstone ☐ Board & Batten ☐ Stucco ☐ Cobblestone ☐ Aluminum Siding ☐ Concrete Type: _____ ☐ Cut stone Type: _____			
9. STRUCTURAL SYSTEM			
☒ Wood frame ☐ Post and beam ☐ balloon ☐ Load bearing masonry ☐ Structural iron or steel ☐ Other (Specify) _____			
10. ROOF (Type)			
☒ Gable ☐ Flat ☐ Mansard ☐ Monitor ☐ sawtooth ☐ Gambrel ☐ Shed ☐ Hip ☐ Round ☐ Other (Specify) _____			
(Material)			
☐ Wood Shingle ☒ Roll Asphalt ☐ Tin ☐ Slate ☐ Gable end to the street ☐ Asphalt shingle ☐ Built up ☐ Tile ☐ Other (Specify) _____ ☒ Ridge parallel to the street			
11. NUMBER OF STORIES		APPROXIMATE DIMENSIONS	
2 1/2		34' x 18'	
12. CONDITION (Structural)			
☐ Excellent ☒ Good ☐ Fair ☐ Deteriorated ☐ Excellent ☐ Good ☐ Fair ☒ Deteriorated			
13. INTEGRITY (Exterior)			
☒ On original site ☐ Moved WHEN? ☒ Yes ☐ No IF YES, EXPLAIN Siding			
14. RELATED OUTBUILDINGS OR LANDSCAPE FEATURES			
☐ Barn ☐ Shed ☐ Garage ☐ Other landscape features or buildings (Specify) _____ ☐ Carriage house ☐ Shop ☐ Garden			
15. SURROUNDING ENVIRONMENT			
☐ Open land ☐ Wood-land ☐ Residential ☒ Scattered buildings visible from site ☒ Commercial ☐ Indus-trial ☐ Rural ☐ High building density			
16. INTERRELATIONSHIP OF BUILDING AND SURROUNDINGS			
Next to gas station.			

DESCRIPTION (Continued)	17. OTHER NOTABLE FEATURES OF BUILDING OR SITE (interior and/or exterior)	
	The Joseph R. Wilcox House has a three-bay facade. The trabeated central entry has wide plain pilasters, and a plain lintel with a central molding beneath a simple molded cap. Sash is mixed, with 2-over-2 predominating; detailing is obscured by asphalt siding and modern storm sash. On the roofline is a central chimney, considerably deteriorated. Both side elevations have rectangular attic lights fitted with later border-pane sash. There is a small shed-roofed rear extension.	
SIGNIFICANCE	18. ARCHITECT	BUILDER
	19. HISTORICAL OR ARCHITECTURAL IMPORTANCE The Joseph R. Wilcox House is significant as a good example of a small central chimney house. Although it lacks the hewn overhangs that are a hallmark of early construction, the house preserves the basic 18th-century form, with the three-bay facade found in earlier or (as in this case) smaller examples. The entry treatment and gable windows are probably Greek Revival era modifications. Joseph R. Wilcox purchased this property from James and Olive Booth in 1836. Although its earlier history remains unclear, it seems probable that it was owned but not occupied by Josiah R. Wilcox, who died in 1835 and owned a much larger house on what is now Main Street, East Berlin. In the early 19th century, the area was known by the attractive name of "stony swamp."	
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	20. SUBSEQUENT FIELD EVALUATIONS	

